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REMARKS

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1. On 8 October 1951, the west entrance to the barracks installation in Hillersleben (M 53/Y 51) was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Fourteen trucks

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were seen leaving the installation, occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing eight 37-mm AA guns. Trucks were parked in open sheds.

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The east entrance was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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The four-mast radio station was still in the billeting area.

2. On 8 October, the barracks installation on the eastern exit of Hillersleben was occupied by an artillery unit of 500 to 600 troops. Groups of 8 to 10 soldiers were engaged in gun drill in the area adjoining to the east with 6 x 76.2-mm artillery pieces and 6 x 57-mm AT guns. Vehicles were parked in four open sheds.

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\* Comment. The information confirms a report of early September 1951 according to which the western section of the barracks installation northwest of Hillersleben quarters units of the unidentified AAA regiment, the eastern section units of the 62d or 64th Gds Mecz Regt, and the barracks installation on the eastern exit of Hillersleben units of the 99th Gds How Arty Regt, all of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. However, the data on calibers in the present report indicate that artillery units of one or two mechanized regiments of the 19th Gds Mecz Div rather than elements of the 99th Gds How Arty Regt might be quartered in the barracks installation on the eastern exit of Hillersleben. Most of the motor vehicles belong to the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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